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REMARKS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for his especially careful reading of the Specification and claims.

Claims 2 and 5 have been amended to correct an error in the ranges of certain polymer repeat units. In these claims Roman numerals (II) and (III) were inadvertently switched (probably due to the error in the specification described above). In addition the limitation of claim (with the same error corrected) has been incorporated into claim 2 and claim 3 has been canceled.

The Specification has been objected to because of a typographical error on the first sentence of the paragraph beginning at p. 3, line 24 wherein the Roman numerals (II) and (III) were inadvertently switched. The corrected paragraph above has made the appropriate correction. Applicants regret these typographical errors.

Claims 2-9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 122, second paragraph for error in repeat unit ranges in claims 2 and 5. These have been corrected in the amendments to the claims, and probably arose because of the same errors in the Specification. These amendments do not change the scope of these claims. Thus this rejection has been overcome.

Claims 4-9 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as multiple dependent claims being dependent on multiple dependent claims. Applicants do not understand this objection, since their version of these claims are not multiply dependent, and indeed none of the claims are multiply dependent. If the Examiner has a different version of the claims, he is requested to correct this by Examiner's amendment or contact the Applicant's attorney by telephone.

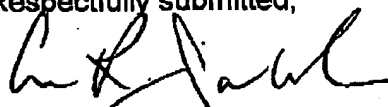
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Claims 1-8 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 13-16 of US Application No. 10/726,119. The owners of 10/726,119 have expressly abandoned this application, so this rejection is moot. A copy of the Express Abandonment is enclosed.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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